



**BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT/HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT PROPOSAL****POLICY ISSUE / SITUATION:**

In March and April 2015 Hillsboro School District discussed and evaluated a proposed exchange of property between Hillsboro School District and Beaverton School District. On May 26, 2015, Hillsboro School District voted to approve further exploration of possibilities related to boundary adjustments between Hillsboro and Beaverton School Districts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the March 17, 2015 meeting of the Hillsboro School District School Board, a proposal was made to exchange property between Hillsboro and Beaverton School Districts. At the subsequent April 2015 meeting, the Hillsboro School District School Board members reviewed and discussed information that was gathered regarding the potential impact of the proposed boundary adjustment. On May 26, 2015, their Board members voted to approve further exploration of boundary adjustments between Hillsboro and Beaverton.

No legal or Board Policy exists regarding the process for exploration into the feasibility of boundary adjustments. Pursuant to ORS 330.092(3), the boundaries of a school district may be changed by mutual consent of the district school boards in the affected districts.

The attached document includes some possible criteria and information that the Board may wish to consider as they discuss the property exchange proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board (1) receive the attached information and (2) discuss what process and criteria would be appropriate before considering the proposed boundary adjustments between Beaverton and Hillsboro school districts.

District Goal: All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN DISTRICTS

APPLICABLE LAW/POLICY:

Pursuant to ORS 330.092(3), the boundaries of a school district may be changed by mutual consent of the district school boards in the affected districts. The process that follows a joint resolution is outlined in statute at ORS 330.080 to 330.107.

PROCESS CONSIDERATIONS:

On May 26, 2015, the Hillsboro School Board members voted to approve exploration of boundary adjustments between Hillsboro and Beaverton School Districts.

There is no guiding policy or statutory process for how the exploration into the feasibility of boundary adjustments should take place. The development of a process should include:

- Communication plan and timeline including the following stakeholders: Families, community, local officials, schools and school staff.
- Development of objective criteria to be considered by the Board before approval of any joint resolution.
- Development of an advisory committee to apply the Board-generated criteria and prepare a report/recommendation to the Board.
- Opportunity for public comment and/or input as part of data collection.

What follows are potential Board-generated information and criteria that could be gathered and considered prior to entering into a joint resolution.

- The size of the requested adjustment (acres, legal boundaries);
- The number of students in the affected areas, taking into account grade level;
- The number of families (regardless of enrolled students) in the boundary adjustment request area;
- Potential budget impact;
 - Value of lost/gained ADMw;
 - Tax assessed value of boundary adjustment request area;
 - Affect to the debt service of the bonded debt associated with the boundary adjustment request area;
- Impact to the affected communities and level of community support for boundary adjustment;
- Potential for growth in the boundary adjustment area;
- Potential impact of the boundary adjustment on other portions of the District;
- Potential impact on schools within and adjacent to the boundary adjustment request area;
- Potential impact on the District's long range plan.

JOINT RESOLUTION PROCESS:

I. Joint Resolution/Petition

The school boards of the affected districts may enter into a voluntary joint resolution to adjust the boundaries of either or both districts. The resolution petitions the district boundary board, which is the Board of County Commissioners of all impacted counties, to act on the request of the affected districts and must contain:

- The names of the districts affected by the change;
- A concise statement of the type of change requested and a legal description of the properties involved.

The resolution/petition must be submitted to the county with the largest portion of property in question – Washington County. The Washington County Board of Commissioners must act on the resolution/petition within 100 days after submission. If additional counties are involved, they have an additional 60 days to act.

II. Notice Requirements

Before the petitioned change can move forward, ORS 330.001 requires that the Boards of Commissioners publish two public notices of the date which they intend to adopt an order adjusting the boundaries. The first notice period must be no sooner than 25 days nor later than 15 days preceding the date of the meeting. The second notice must be issued no sooner than 14 days nor later than 8 days preceding the date of the meeting.

III. Remonstrance

Once the Board of Commissioners officially approves the joint resolution/petition, the approval is subject to a remonstrance process. A remonstrance is simply an opportunity for affected individuals to protest the decision of the Board of Commissioners. Affected electors have 20 days following the action of the Board of Commissioners to gather a minimum of 500 electors to file a remonstrance petition. If this petition is correctly filed, an election will be held on the remonstrance, but only within that school district from which the petition has been filed. If voters reject the boundary adjustment, then the resolution/petition may not move forward for a 12-month period.

If no remonstrance petition is filed, then the boundary adjustment is automatically adopted, with an effective date of May 31. The year in which it becomes effective depends upon when the change was adopted. If adopted prior to March 31, it becomes effective in the same school year in which it was adopted. Boundary adjustments adopted between March 31 and June 30 become effective May 31 of the following year.